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Applicant: David B. Sutton
Group Art Unit: 2164
Examiner: James S. Bergin
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSACTING AN
ANONYMOUS PURCHASE OVER THE INTERNET
Attorney Docket: 6778-000001

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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I. Response to Requirement for Restriction Based on Distinctiveness

A. Examiner's Finding

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has (a) determined that Claims 1-14 as originally filed are subject to a restriction requirement; and (b) required restriction to one of the following inventions -- Group I: Claims 1-9 drawn to a method for transacting

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